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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL CONTRACTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND ENTRANCE TO KEELUNG HARBOR ARE EXPECTED TO BE AWARDED TO TAIWAN FIRMS, AND TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IS NT DOLLARS 7,800 MILLION. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO 205 MILLION US DOLLARS AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE OF NT38 TO ONE US DOLLAR. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, DEPTH OF CHANNEL IS TO BE 12 METERS SO THAT SHIPS OF 15,000 METRIC TONS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT IS TEN YEARS AND DESIGN WORK WILL GET UNDERWAY IN FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1978. FIRST STAGE RUNS FROM FISCAL YEARS 1979-85 AND INVOLVES THE EXCAVATION OF THE CHANNEL, CONSTRUCTION OF A BREAKWATER AND TUNNEL AND BRIDGE COSTING ALTOGETHER NT DOLLARS 4,100 MILLION. CHINA ENGINEER CONSULTANTS INC. WILL DO THE PLANNING AND DESIGNING. SECOND STAGE FROM 1983 TO 1988 CONSISTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PORT AREA OF SEVEN PIERS AND INCLUDE RECLAIMING LAND AND LAND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AT TOTAL COST OF NT DOLLARS 3,700 MILLION.

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2. ANOTHER COST BREAKDOWN CONTAINED IN JUNE 17 ARTICLE IN THE "CHINA POST" IS AS FOLLOWS (IN MILLIONS OF NT DOLLARS): 50 FOR DESIGN, 2,050 FOR WHARF CONSTRUCTION, 2,000 FOR WATERWAY AND UNDERSEA TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION, 1,900 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSE AND PIERS, 600 FOR RECLAMATION OF TIDAL LAND AND 1,200 FOR HARBOR FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

3. THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, GENERAL JEFFERSON CHANG, BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THIS PROJECT WITH THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. BECAUSE THE VOLUME OF OCEAN-GOING SHIPPING IS FAST APPROACHING THE CAPACITY OF KEELUNG PORT, IT HAD BEEN PLANNED TO ENLARGE THE HARBOR TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DOCKSPACE. CONCURRENTLY, THERE WAS ALSO SOME CONCERN AT HIGH LEVELS OF THE ROC GOVERNMENT THAT THE PORT COULD BE BLOCKED IF A SHIP WERE TO SINK IN THE ONE CHANNEL LEADING INTO THE PORT. FOR THESE REASONS, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE PORT OF KAOHSIUNG BY CREATING A SECOND ENTRANCE TO KEELUNG.

4. CHINA ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS INC. CONFIRMED THAT IT IS NOW PREPARING PRELIMINARY DESIGN WORK FOR SECOND ENTRANCE TO KEELUNG HARBOR, ALTHOUGH A CONTRACT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED. AFTER DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED IN JUNE 1979, INTERNATIONAL TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED FOR FIRST STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. KEELUNG HARBOR BUREAU HAS REPORTEDLY ALREADY ARRANGED FOR "JAPAN PORT CONSULTANTS" TO ASSIST CHINA ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS INC. AND NO AMERICAN CONSULTANTS WILL BE USED. FOR THE RECORD, CONTACT FOR INTERESTED US FIRMS IS: MR. H. N. TING, GENERAL MANAGER, CHINA ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS INC., 280 CHUNG HSIAO EAST ROAD, SECTION 4, TAIPEI, TAIWAN. UNGER
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